

Remarks & Arguments

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 1-25 are pending in the application, and that Claims 1-25 are rejected. By this amendment, Claims 1, 11, 17 and 23 have been amended and Claim 16 has been canceled without prejudice. Thus, Claims 1-15 and 17-25 are pending in the application. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter to the application. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Rivera et al. (US Patent Application No. 09/931,555). Independent Claims 1, 11, 17 and 23 have been amended to include limitations that are not taught or suggested by Rivera. Specifically, Rivera does not teach or suggest the combination of retrieving objects and/or attributes according to tags associated with an in-bound message and generating an out-bound message by selectively populating the retrieved object and/or attributes in the out-bound message according to a write out flag. Furthermore, dependent Claims 2-10, 12-15, 18-22, 24 and 25 incorporate all the limitations of amended Claims 1, 11, 17 and 23. Therefore, Rivera also does not teach or suggest the present invention as claimed in Claims 2-10, 12-15, 18-22, 24 and 25. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 23-0085. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account 23-0085.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric J. Gash", is written over a horizontal line.

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